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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - MOST NEW DELHI PAPERS GAVE FRON-
PAGE COVERAGE ON MAY 30 TO REMARKS BY ULAN FU, VICE-
PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, TO A
DELEGATION OF INDIAN JOURNALISTS VISITING CHINA. IN A
TWO-HOUR MEETING, FU REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "THE SINO-INDIAN
BORDER PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO BE SOLVED AND IT WILL BE
SOLVED." WHEN DELEGATION LEADER B.G. VERGHESE SUGGESTED
THAT A BORDER SOLUTION AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
SHOULD BE PURSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY, ULAN FU REPLIED: "IF
INDIA HAS ANY VIEWS, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THEM."
ASKED ABOUT INDO-TIBET BORDER TRADE, HE SAID, "IF
RELATIONS DEVELOPED SUFFICIENTLY TO A POINT, THERE WILL
BE BORDER TRADE." IN ADDITION, FU REPORTEDLY THOUGHT
THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD SEEK TO IMPROVE RELATIONS
THROUGH EXCHANGING DELEGATIONS; THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR
IN PEKING IS SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A
CHINESE PRESS DELEGATION WOULD SOON VISIT INDIA.

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2. REGARDING ANOUTHER FRONTIRE, FU REPORTEDLY TOLD
THE INDIAN JOURNALISTS THAT "THE ONE MILLION RUSSIAN
TROOPS ON THE MONGOLIAN BORDER ARE ALSO DIRECTED
AGAINST THE US AND JAPAN. WAR IS INEVITABLE. CHINA
AND THE US HAVE COMMON STRATEGIC INTERESTS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - COMENT- WHILE FU'S

STATEMENTS ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM EARLIER CHINESE POSITIONS,
THE INDIAN PRESS EAGERLY HEADLINED CHINESE "READINESS"
TO DISCUSS THE BORDER PROBLEM. END LOU.
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